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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d) (2)

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Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby respectfully request consideration and entry of the Information Disclosure Statement filed contemporaneously herewith. The references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement were cited in a Japanese Office Action in a corresponding Japanese patent application on January 26, 2004. The certification under Rule 97(e) (1) is filed herewith, as well as a check in the amount of \$180.00, pursuant to Rule 17(i) (1).

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of each of the references listed on Form PTO-1449 are attached.

Also enclosed is a copy of a Japanese Office Action bearing a mailing date of February 3, 2004, and the U.S. PTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and

Trademark Office may, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 C.F.R. 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that these references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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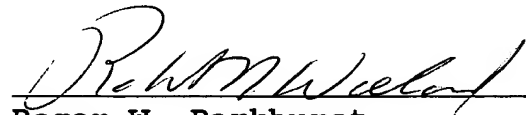
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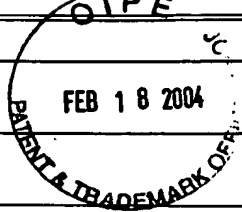

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